shall be reduced by the amount specified herein for said abandoned funds.

For the purposes of this Act, funds are encumbered when a project is approved for a grant under this program for a specific amount by actions of the Board of Public Works.

- (5) There is hereby levied and imposed an annual State tax on all assessable property in the State in rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as and when due and until paid in full, such principal to be discharged within fifteen years of the date of issue of the bonds.
 - (6) This Act shall take effect June 1, 1976.
- Passed over the Governor's veto, in the Senate on January 12, 1977, and in the House of Delegates on January 19, 1977.

CHAPTER 6

(Senate Bill 310)

AN ACT concerning

Oyster Dredging

FOR the purpose of authorizing scooping, dredging, or handscraping for oysters by hand in areas reserved for tonging when watermen are denied access to oyster taking areas because of ice; providing for a certain date by which this act shall automatically expire; and making this act an emergency measure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources Section 4-1013(e) Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 4-1013(e) of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

4-1013.

(e) All submerged land of the State not leased for